



May 23, 2017

Randy Fiorini
Chair, Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: DELTA PLAN UPDATE

Dear Chairman Fiorini:

On behalf of Orange County Business Council, I would like to share our organization's perspective of the ongoing effort by the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to advance the co-equal goals of providing a reliable water supply for California and restoring the challenged ecosystem of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Delta Plan, as drafted by the Stewardship Council, serves as the essential blueprint for numerous local, state and federal agencies to advance these goals through their representative jurisdictions. The Council is now in the process of amending this plan to expand its guidance for future improvements to Delta conveyance, water storage and reservoir operations.

We encourage you to work closely with the stakeholders representing our communities who are most closely engaged in this vital process, including the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, its member agencies, local water agencies and the State Water Contractors.

Southern California will continue to reduce its reliance on the Delta to meet future needs through historic investments in conservation and new local supply development. Water from Northern California will remain an important baseline supply and must help to provide the reserves necessary to withstand droughts. A successful conclusion to your process is critical to advance a modernization of the Delta water system to advance both restoration and water reliability goals.

Respectfully,

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Vice President of Workforce Development